

KENNEDY WATER PROJECT MOVES INTO FINAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE

An extensive water project designed to guarantee long-term safety of the town's drinking water is expected to be complete by June 1.

The project, which began in July, involves replacing the existing water main, boring deeper to place new pipe in areas where it will be impervious to the freeze-thaw cycle and resurfacing Kennedy Avenue.

"We have had dozens of water main breaks in the past few years," Public Works Director John Bach said. "This problem began 40 years ago when Kennedy was lowered, making the water line too shallow and vulnerable to ruptures based on changes in the air temperature."

The complexity of the project was compounded by other underground systems, like the massive stormwater collection system located under the length of Kennedy Avenue.

"Most people don't know there is a storm sewer you could literally drive a car through underneath the road," he said. "We know people are frustrated because they have been inconvenienced. We've done everything we can to minimize the disruption. The lane closures are necessary for the safety of motorists as well as our workers." 🌿



ROAD CLOSED

42nd Street (EB) and Hart Road (WB) will be closed at Kennedy Avenue for the next few weeks for water main construction. Visit the town website - highland.in.gov - for updates.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As soon as the construction portion of the Kennedy Avenue water project is complete, Highland Public Works will:

- ◆ Repave Kennedy Avenue from just north of Highway south to 45th Avenue
- ◆ Replace sidewalks
- ◆ Replant uprooted grass and trees